cession in some cases, higher cosf, power shortage .nd fiequent breakdowns.

The s:cps taken by Governmenl to oveicome these problems include modernisation and lehabihtation of plant and equipment, technology up-giadation, tegular monitoring of performance, re-deployment ano rationalisation of surplus manpower, liaining and letraining of personnel and adoption of variou- cost control measures.

Expansion of Rupnarayanpur unit of Hindustan Cable

913. DR R K. PODDAR : SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM :

Will'the Ministei of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whethei theie is any proposal under Govt's consideration for Ihe expansion of Hindustan Cable's Rupnaiayanpur Unit in West Bengal,

(b) if so, what aie the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF 1NDUSTRV (SHRJ M ARUNACHALAM) . (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The pioposal for expansion of capacity by 18 lakh Conductor Kilomcteis (CKM) foi manufactuie of Jelly Filled Cables in Rupnarayanpur Unit of Hindustan Cables Ltd. was eailiei consideied by ihe Govt, but was defened pending finalisation of targets for telecommunication projections for 7th Plan. However, owing to demand as also lesource constraints no furthe! progress could be made so far Meanwhile, the company has been advised to revise the cost estimates of ihe pio-jecl.

(c) Does not arise.

Rationalisation of work force in Public Sector Enterprises

914. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : SHRI M A. BABY :

Will the Ministei of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(.)) whethei public sector enterprises have been asked to prepaie schemes for Ihe rationalisation of their work force;

(b) if so, what is the response fi om the units, and

(c) by when the schemes are likely to be made public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA CHALAM) (a) Rationalisation work foi ee in Public Sector Undei takings is a Management function of the concerned Public Sector Undertakings. No specific instiuctions were issued in this regaid to the Public Sector Undertakings

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closing down of paper mills

915. SHRI SURESH KALMADI . Will the Ministe' of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whethei it is a fact that a number of paper mills have been closed down for vai ying periods due to shortage of forest based raw materials, eiratic movement of coal supplies, etc. dining the last one year;

(b) whethei it is also a fact that a number of paper mills were unable to sell their entire pioduction resulting in growing accumulation of stocks', and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the situation with a view to meeting ihe long term and immediate reuuiremenls of paper industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRl M. ARUNA CHALAM) (a) No speciflc reports about the closuie of papei mills during the yeai for icasoiis of shortage of forest raw material oi non-availability of coal have been received.

(b) The produciion of paper and paperboard in the country has been showing an upward trend in recent years. This has led to easy availability of paper and competitive conditions in the market. The current level of production of paper and paperboard in the country more or less mutches consumption.

(c) In order to enable the paper industry to overcome the problem of raw mate-ri; '. l availability, the facility of import of pulp, waste paper, wood chips and wood logs under OGL was extended to the industry. Excise concessions have been granted for use of non-conventional raw materials, including bagasse. Efforts are also made to ensure that the industry gets its normal requirement of coal for maintaining production. Full flexibility has been allowed to the industry to take up manufacture of any variety of paper and paper grade pulp including paper/straw board within the licensed capacity in line with the market demand.

Industries in backward areas in Bihar

916. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be p to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided *to* set up Industries in backward areas;

(b) if so, when this decision was taken; I

le) the number of licences, issued to I set up industries in Bihar after this deci-1 sion was taken;

(d) the names of districts in Bihar which have been declared as backward; and

(e) what are the details of the industries proposed to be set up in each such district ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Industrialisation of specific areas is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government have. however, been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by providing various concessions and incentives for setting up industries in backward areas.

(c) A total number of 62 industrial licences were issued during the years 1984 to 1987 (upto September) for setting up of industries in Bihar. Of these, 12 licences were specifically for location of units in centrally declared industrially backward areas of the State.

(d) 17 districts in Bihar have been declared as industrially backward. The names of these districts are given in the Booklet on "Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas (Central Government and Central Financial Institutions)", copies of which are available in Parliament Library. The areas carved out of these districts and merged with other districts continue to be treated as industrially backward.

(e) the undertaking, location (including the name of t Details, such as name and address of he district), item(s) of manufacture and capacity etc.. in respect of all industrial licences issued are being publish-j ed by the Indian Investment Centre in j their "Monthly Newsletter'. Copies ofthis publication are being sent to thearliament Library regularly.

Bajaj Scooters

917. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to Siate:

(a) whether there is a heavy demand for Bajaj Scooters in the country as on 31-7-1987;

(b) if so, the details of booking in the country as on 31st July, 1987;

(c) the number of scooters which have been delivered by the dealers till 31st July, 1987;.

(d) the production of scooters during the last three years; and

(e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken for easy delivery of these scooters with their installed licensed capacity of production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY